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SUBJ: ECLA PROCEEDINGS MAQB 9-PLENARY AND COMMITTEE I

1. DELEGATES FOLLOWED CLOSELY TALK IN MAY 8 PLENARY OF USDEL AMBASSADOR BARBARA WHITE WHO USED SLIGHTLY EDITED TEXT SUPPLIED IN STATE 105915, ADDING PRAISE FOR IGLESIAS' PRESENTATION DAY BEFORE AND NOTING WITH INTEREST HIS SAFETY NET PROPOSAL.

2. APART FROM THE US SPEECH, PLENARY FEATURED INTERVENTIONS BY CANADA, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, ARGENTINA, FRG, JAMAICA, SPAIN, UNDP (GABRIEL VALDES, LA REGIONAL DIRECTOR), CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND COMECON. CANADA (HERB BREAUX, M.P., PARLIAMENTARY SEC TO EXTAFF) SAID A GENUINE CONSENSUS IS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE NIEO WHICH CANADA FIRMLY SUPPORTS, AND THIS MAY REQUIRE DIFFICULT COMPROMISES; CONFRONTATION MUST BE AVOIDED. MEXICO (ELISEO MENDOZA, UNDERSEC OF COMMERCE) DEFENDED CERDS AS AN INSTRUMENT OF COLLABORATION AND NOT CONFRONTATION. QUOTE ONLY THOSE WHO OPPOSE CHANGE TOWARD A MORE JUST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND WHO WOULD CONTINUE PROFITING

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UNILATERALLY FROM THE STATUS QUO, HOLD THAT IT IS AN

INSTRUMENT OF CONFRONTATION. END QUOTE. MENDOZA NOTED THAT WHILE DC'S SEEK GUARANTEES FOR THEIR INVESTMENTS AND ASSURED RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIES, IF THEY EXERT ANY PRESSURE ON STATES REGULATING THESE MATTERS, THIS MUST BE CONSIDERED INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. MENDOZA ALSO EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF SELA.

3. COMMITTEE I, ESTABLISHED AS A WORKING COMMITTEE, TO APPRAISE THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, WAS ORGANIZED WITH HEAD OF THE MEXICAN DELEGATION AS CHAIRMAN, THE HEADS OF THE ARGENTIA AND GUYANA DELEGATIONS AS VICE-CHAIRMAN AND DIEGO LUIS CASTELLANOS OF VENEZUELA AS RAPPORTEUR.

4. AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, MANUEL BALBOA, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GAVE A CAREFUL, COMPREHENSIVE SUMMARY OF THE THREE VOLUME STUDY THAT ECLA HAD PREPARED OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY AN EXTENSIVE PRESENTATION BY DIEGO LUIS CASTELLANOS OF THE REPORT OF GROUP OF HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS AS A BASIC WORK DOCUMENT.

5. DELEGATIONS OF COUNTRIES NOT PRESENT AT THE BOGOTA MEETING WERE INVITED TO COMMENT ON THE REPORT, US DELEGATE (1) EXPRESSED OPPOSITON IN PRINCIPLE TO THE FACT THAT THE US WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE BOGOTA MEETINGS, (2) STATED THAT IT VIEWED PART I OF THE BOGOTA REPORT AS AN EXCELLENT ANALYTICAL DOCUMENT BUT (3) POINTED OUT THAT PART II, THE ACTION PLAN, INVOLVED MANY RECOMMENDATIONS WITH WHICH THE USDEL COULD NOT AGREE.

6. IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH DISCUSSION WOULD NOT RESOLVE THE DIFFERENCES, THEREFORE THE US PROPOSED TO PROVIDE A DISCLAIMER THAT COULD BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE TEXT OF THE DOCUMENT. DISCUSSION WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW.

7. COMMITTEE II. A) ISSUE OF STANDING COMMITTEES HAS NOT YET COME UP DUE TO ECLA SECRETARIAT CHANGE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ORDER OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED TO PLACE LESS CONTROVERSIAL ONES EARLY IN AGENDA, FIRST MEETING COVERED FOOD, TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC), TRANSPORT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, MTN AND PART OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. MEETING WAS HARMONIOUS AND MAY HAVE ACHIEVED SECRETARIEAT DESIRE TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF COOPERATION WHICH MAY HAVE SOME FAVORABLE IMPACT ON FOLLOWING SESSIONS.

(B) ON TCDC, GUYANA, VENEZUELA AND PERU PROPOSAL SEEKING  
UNDP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR REGION, INCLUDING  
ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION.

(C) SECRETARIAT PROPOSED ECLA/FAO LATIN AMERICA  
MEETING ON AGRICULTURE NEXT YEAR. IN RESPONSE TO  
REQUESTS FROM DELEGATION SECRETARIAT WILL PRODUCE  
ANNOTATED AGENDA AND SUGGESTED DATES FOR MEMBER  
COUNTRY CONSIDERATION.  
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